

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification paragraphs indicated below as follows:

Page 7, lines 22-28:

B 1 These blades are driven in a reciprocating motion bringing them together in accordance with ~~f1~~ f2 or moving them apart in accordance with ~~f2~~ f1. When they are brought together ~~f1~~ f2, all the teeth of the intermediate connecting zones and of the lower zones fit together, the faces 14 and 15 of the teeth in correspondence sliding against one another while exerting a horizontal shearing action.

Page 11, lines 28-35:

B 2 The essential difference lies in the lower part of the blades, since the female blade 2 possesses, from bottom to top, a cutout 17 without teeth and with a substantially curvilinear geometry 17. According to a variant embodiment, there follows at the extremity a second cutout 20 forming a clearance. The female blade 1 in this case possesses, at the end, a projection ~~10~~ 19 in the form of a nib or nose which will take up a position in the above cutout 20.